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**Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
Notice of Meeting to Solicit Public Comments and Intent to Act
Upon Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services**

**Public Hearing June 7, 2016
Minutes**

Date and Time of Meeting:	June 7, 2016 at 9:13AM
Name of Organization:	State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)
Place of Meeting:	Nevada State Legislative Building 401 S. Carson Street, Room 3137 Carson City, Nevada 89701
Place of Video Conference:	Grant Sawyer Office Building 555 E. Washington Avenue, Room 4406 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
Teleconference:	(877) 402-9753
Access Code:	7316372

Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Lynne Foster, DHCFP	Darrell Faircloth, SDAG
Elizabeth Aiello, DHCFP	Brenda Staffan, REMSA
Chris Watanabe, REMSA	Joanne Jacob, Ferrari Public Affairs
Thomas McCrorey, HCGP/CMO	Bill Welch, NHA
Jeff Fontaine, NVNACO	Rebecca Vernon-Ritter, DHCFP
Tiffany Lewis, DHCFP	Debra Sisco, DHCFP
Sarah Spohn, DHCFP	Marti Cote, DHCFP

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Sheri Eggleston, DHCFP
Cindy Glass, DHCFP
Becky Pulver, DHCFP

Janet Osalvo, DHCFP
Staci Lonnegren, DHCFP

In Las Vegas, NV

Kristina Jones, HPN
Mina Nguyen, Public

Sara Chohagian, TMSG

Introduction:

Ms. Lynne Foster, Chief of Division Compliance, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Ms. Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator of the DHCFP and Mr. Darrell Faircloth, Senior Deputy Attorney General (SDAG).

Ms. Foster – The notice for this public hearing was published on May 4, 2016 in accordance with 42 CFR 447.205.

1. Public Comment

- Ms. Staffan (director of the REMSA Community Health Programs) provided a letter of support for the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Community Paramedicine. She also expressed appreciation for the work of the department and staff in moving forward with these provisions and that they would be happy to assist in any way.

2. For Possible Action: Review and approve meeting minutes from the February 11, 2016 public hearing.

Ms. Foster asked if any staff members or the public have any proposed corrections to the minutes for this public hearing and none were received.

Public Comments

- No Comments

Ms. Foster – Recommended the Deputy Administrator approve as written.

Ms. Aiello – Approved as written.

3. Discussion of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments

Subject: Supplemental Payment for Inpatient Hospitals

Ms. Debra Sisco:

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy is proposing an amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan that would allow the continuation of the supplemental payment program based on inpatient hospital utilization in order to preserve access to inpatient acute services through SFY 2017. This amendment will also increase the Non-Federal share of the supplemental payments for SFY 2017 from \$14,745,692 to \$25,466,791.

Estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures: An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for SFY 2017 of \$30,339,185.99.

The effective date is July 1, 2016.

At the conclusion of Ms. Sisco's presentation, Ms. Foster asked Ms. Aiello, Deputy Administrator, and Mr. Faircloth, SDAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- No comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No comments

Public Comments:

- Mr. Welch stated that he was here in support of the proposed SPA on behalf of the Nevada Hospital Association.

Ms. Foster – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Supplemental Payment for Inpatient Hospitals

4. Discussion of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments

Subject: Community Paramedicine (Rate Methodology)

Ms. Rebecca Vernon-Ritter:

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy is proposing to change the State Plan to allow reimbursement for Community Paramedicine services.

State Plan Attachment 4.19-B page 1e is being updated to reflect methodology for Community Paramedicine services.

Change in Annual Aggregate Expenditures: No change in annual aggregate expenditures is anticipated.

The effective date is July 1, 2016.

At the conclusion of Ms. Vernon-Ritter's presentation, Ms. Foster asked Ms. Aiello, Deputy Administrator, and Mr. Faircloth, SDAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- No comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No comments

Public Comments:

- No comments

Ms. Foster – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Community Paramedicine (Rate Methodology).

5. Discussion of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments

Subject: Community Paramedicine (Policy)

Ms. Marti Cote:

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy is proposing to update Policy and Alternative Benefits Plan in the State Plan to include Community Paramedicine services.

State Plan Attachment 3.1-A page 3a is being updated to reflect paramedicine services coverage and limitations.

Change in Annual Aggregate Expenditures: No change in annual aggregate expenditures is anticipated.

The effective date is July 1, 2016

At the conclusion of Ms. Cote's presentation, Ms. Foster asked Ms. Aiello, Deputy Administrator, and Mr. Faircloth, SDAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- No comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No comments

Public Comments:

- No comments

Ms. Foster – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Community Paramedicine (Policy) with the following changes:

Section 6.d.(1) remove “Prevention of unnecessary ambulance responses, emergency room visits, and hospital admissions and readmissions can result in cost reductions for the DHCFP.”

6. General Public Comments

- No comments

There were no further comments and Ms. Foster adjourned the public hearing at 9:26AM.

**An Audio (CD) version of this meeting is available through the DHCFP Administration office. For more detailed information on any of the handouts, submittals, testimony and or comments please contact Ellen Felsing at Ellen.Felsing@dhcfp.nv.gov or (775) 684-3684 with any questions.*